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1. IN COURSE OF CALL ON HUSHANG MEHRAYIN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UK/IRAN FINANCIAL CONFERENCE, ECONOFF ASKED HIS UNDER-STANDING OF CHANCELLOR HEALEY'S EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR A "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN THE EEC AND IRAN. MEHRAYIN SAID IRAN SIMPLY TRIED TO SQUEEZE AS MUCH OUT OF "JOHN BULL" AS POSSIBLE, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HEALEY'S PRESENCE, THE CONFERENCE
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AND THE LEVERAGE AVAILABLE IN THE IRAN LOAN. HE SAID HE BELIVED

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ANSARY UNDERSTOOD CLEARLY THAT HEALEY WAS NOT SUPPORTING TRADE PREFERENCES FOR IRAN. AT A MINIMUM. IRAN WANTS TO FORCE THE EEC TO DEFINE WHAT "EUROPE" IS IN TERMS OF ITS TRADE PREFERENTIAL POLICIES. AS MEHRAYIN PUT IT, "IS ISRAEL EUROPE? IS TURKEY? IF PART OF TURKEY, THEN(FACETIOUSLY) LET THE EC GIVE THAT PART PREFERENCES."

2. COMMENT: MEHRAYIN'S OFFICIAL POSITION AS ASSISTANT TO CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT AND ECONOMIC JOURNALIST FOR THE KAYHAN PAPERS MUST BE SUBORDINATED IN IMPORTANCE TO HIS POSITION AS CLOSE PERSONAL, AND EX-OFFICIAL ADVISOR TO MEAF MINISTER ANSARY.
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